Improvement in school education

512. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently approved a scheme of Rs.115 crore for improvement in school education;

(b) if so, whether the scheme would be wholly managed by the Central Government; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the concerned State Government are proposed to be involved in the scheme; if so, the details thereof and what would be the share of Uttar Pradesh in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) A composite scheme of "Quality Improvement in Schools" has been recently formulated by clubbing the following schemes which were being implemented by the Department of Secondary & Higher Education:—

(i) Improvement of Science Education in Schools;

(ii) Environmental Orientation to School Education;

(iii) National Population Education Project;

(iv) Introduction of Yoga in schools; and

(v) International Science Olympaid in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Informatics.

It has been decided to utilize the allocation of Rs. 5.00 crore made by the Planning Commission for the new component for "Improvement of educational libraries" for the purpose of science education under the component of Improvement of Science Education in Schools.The total 10th Plan Outlay for the Scheme of Quality Improvement in Schools is Rs. 115.00 crores.

It has also been decided to transfer the component "Improvemet of Science Education in Schools" to the State Governments/ Union Territory

Administration as State Sector Scheme. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh, along with other States, would be benefited under the scheme. It has also been decided that the administration of the other four components, which normally cater to the Non Governmental Organizations, would be done by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), an autonomous body under the Department of Secondary & Higher Education.

Indian Institute of Management

513. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have zeroed in at Shillong for setting up the country's seventh Indian Institute of Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to set up an IIM in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Government has identified Shillong to set up the seventh Indian Institute of Management in the country.

(c) No Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Quality Improvement in Schools

514. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had approved implementation of a revised scheme of Quality Improvement in Government and Government aided schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;